

Today's POST BAG

THE WEATHER

Mt. Canaan	28	2	10	11
Nahariya	25	5	20	22
Tel Aviv	25	5	27	29
Lydda Airport	25	5	27	29
Jerusalem	25	5	27	29
Beer Sheva	25	5	27	29

(A) Humidity at 8 p.m. (B) Minimum temp. (C) Maximum, yesterday (D) Maximum, today, expected today.

Forecast: Partly cloudy.

The 55 Gallon tank for Alexander yesterday morning a group of 500 Persian Jews to Haifa.

With an average of eight births a week in the Hiryia mahara near Ramat Gan, Kupat Holim has opened a special maternity department in the village. Hiryia has a population of 3,500.

Three Arabs from the Israel section of Bet Sefat village near Jerusalem were arrested yesterday afternoon and charged with the illegal possession of 21 kilos of opium believed to have been smuggled across the border.

An American Embassy car was stolen yesterday morning from a parking lot near Kikar Dabur in Tel Aviv. A military truck was stolen from the car lot in Rehov Mikhalim, Haifa, on Sunday night.

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Personal Notices

Akiya Rafalovitch and Selly Galant
of Tel Aviv of Johannesburg

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Beilinson Hospital Wing Destroyed by Blast

PETAH TIKVA, Monday. — The lower section of the new wing of the Beilinson Hospital here was almost completely destroyed by a violent explosion that shook the town early this morning. No one was injured. The second story resting on reinforced concrete pillars did not collapse.

It is believed that the explosion was caused by oxygen gas set off by a short circuit in the electric installation. The lower floor contained operating theatres and an X-ray room, where work was due to begin at 6:30. Shortly after six o'clock an attendant plugged in the sterilization equipment as usual. Five minutes after he left the room, the explosion occurred.

As flames shot out from the lower floor the Petah Tikva Fire Brigade, ambulance and police squads screamed through the town. While the firemen got the blaze under control, police, first-aid men and rescue workers assisted the hospital staff to evacuate 25 patients from the second floor. Twelve light cases were sent home and the remainder were taken to another wing of the hospital.

The damaged floor contained five operating theatres, an X-ray room, a number of service rooms, and a waiting area. As yet no one has been injured. The damage was estimated at several thousand pounds. The wing was built in 1948 and was equipped mainly with apparatus donated in America. Kupat Holim and Public Works engineers inspected the damaged building and when the second floor showed signs of collapsing, labour squads hastily began to shore up the wing. Police are investigating the cause of the explosion.

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MEAT THIS WEEK

After two and a half months, a 100-gram ration will be distributed at the end of this week and the beginning of next. Ministry of Commerce and Industry sources disclosed in Jerusalem yesterday.

Another shipment of 1,200 tons of meat, en route to Israel, will provide an additional four rations, it was stated.

Small Damage From Last Week's Rains

The damage caused by last week's rains was considerably smaller than that of the December storm, Dr. Gloria Joseph, head of the Jewish Agency's Absorption Department, reported to the Agency Executive at its meeting in Jerusalem yesterday.

The situation had been considerably eased, Dr. Joseph said, inasmuch as many tent-dwellers had been evacuated to other types of dwellings in the wake of the earlier storm.

This time, moreover, the main fall was confined primarily to the Sharon, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem; and as a result, relief activities were more centralized, he said. No supply difficulties were encountered.

Neumann Review

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, in a report on his activities in reorganizing the Economic Department of the Agency, reviewed his discussions with the Finance Minister, the Minister of Commerce and the Minister of the Investment Centre, on a programme of cooperation on the economic front. Dr. Neumann also discussed conferences with the Absorption Department regarding housing for American immigrants, chiefly professionals. He reported on preparations for visits of tourists and investors.

Mr. Zelman Shazar, who presided, reported on the proposals for coordinating the work of the United Jewish Appeal and the Independence Bond Issue in the U.S., which had been agreed upon at the recent conference. Government representatives, Dr. Joseph Schwartz, of the U.S.A., and Mr. Heinrich, of the Bond Issue, have transmitted the proposals to their organizations for consideration, he said.

On a motion of Dr. A.L. Lauterbach, the new Keren Hayehood Directorate was approved. The Executive Committee's good wishes to Mr. Joseph Sprinck, Chairman of the Zionist General Council in London, who is in Beilinson Hospital, were expressed.

Lloyd's Surveyor in Haifa

HAIFA, Monday. — Israel's rapid progress as a seafaring nation is graphically demonstrated by the decision of Lloyd's of London to appoint a permanent ship's surveyor to the port here. The appointment will result in substantial reduction in foreign currency expenditures for the merchant fleet.

The first general survey carried out in Israel was completed here on the 14th of last week by Mr. L. J. Coslett, Surveyor to Lloyd's Register of Shipping in Istanbul. Following the survey, Mr. Coslett left the country.

The general survey is a quadrennial requirement for ships, on the basis of which it is determined whether a ship retains her class or is downgraded. It is an extremely thorough, stem-to-stern examination, in which the engine is opened and partially dismantled.

In addition to the quadrennial general survey, there is the more routine, but also obligatory, annual survey. The latter is already being carried out by local engineers, appointed by Lloyd's Agents.

S.S. Tel Aviv Surveyed

On the 14th of last week, 75 per cent of the internal surveying was performed here. Since the required drydock facilities are not available here, the ship will undergo its full examination abroad. Mr. Coslett feels that the lack of drydock and larger repair installations at present stands in the way of carrying out the complete general survey in Haifa Harbour.

The prospects for establishment of such facilities, however, are good and it is felt that this is one of the reasons for the Lloyd's decision. The increase in the tourist and commercial trade is also a factor, as the Lloyd's survey here will also be responsible for general and "casualty" surveying for all ships calling here.

Hitherto, ships were obliged to go abroad for both the general and annual surveys. This involved not only considerable sums of foreign currency — both for the actual surveying and carrying out the repairs recommended by the surveyor — but loss of much time and valuable shipping space, both important considerations for a small merchant fleet. Now surveys will be carried out while ships are unloading and loading.

Under the new arrangement, local workers open and close the engine and carry out the recommended repairs on the spot. Mr. Coslett estimates that more than 50 per cent of the foreign currency allocations for surveying and repairs will be saved by doing survey work here.

New Karaites Group Settles in Negev

BEERSHEBA, Monday. — The first group of Karaites to settle in the Negev are due to move there this week. Some of the settlers have been in the country only a few months. About 50 Karaites families are expected this week.

BEERSHEBA FARMERS EXPECT BUMPER CROP

BEERSHEBA, Monday (ITM). — Since the beginning of the rainy season 141.7 mm. of rain have been recorded here. Farmers are delighted with the rains and say they expect a bumper crop. None of the 3,500 persons living under canvas in the area suffered unduly in the rains.

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Pro-Christian View On Palestine Urged

NEW YORK, Monday (INA). — A strong attack on the United Nations for "attempting to wash its hands of the Palestine problem" was made yesterday by the Rt. Rev. Thomas J. McMahon, national secretary of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association and president of the pontifical mission to Palestine.

Rev. McMahon objected particularly to the report that the U.N. intended to drop the plan to provide free access for Christians to the Holy Places. "Palestine was the first problem the U.N. undertook to solve. They solved it so poorly that they are today trying to dismember themselves of their own resolution," he defined the problem as religious and not political.

Hoofien Replies To Rokach on Loans

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The Bank Leumi has granted the Tel Aviv Municipality loans totalling IL1,750,000 in recent years, Mr. S. Hoofien said here today, commenting on Mayor Rokach's statement to the Council last night. Mr. Rokach had said that the Bank had rejected an application by the city for a IL 200,000 loan.

Mr. Hoofien, a Director of the Bank Leumi and Chairman of the recently established Flood Relief Fund, said that he did not see why the city should take a loan on which they would have to pay interest when, in a short time, they would receive assistance from the Relief Fund. He expected the grant to be as great as the amount demanded as a loan.

Mr. Hoofien said that loans for specific purposes amounting to IL2m. would soon be granted to the city.

Mr. H. Levant, Deputy Mayor, who yesterday asked to be released from his post as Chairman of the Municipal Flood Relief Committee, said tonight that he might reconsider his decision. He mentioned bitterly that all the city's relief work had been suffered for lack of funds.

Higher Taxi Fares Proposed to Pinkas

Mr. D. Z. Pinkas, the Minister of Communications, received a delegation of the Taxi Drivers' Association in Jerusalem yesterday and discussed their proposals for increased fares and control of spare parts and supervision of garages. It was announced yesterday that a rise in fares could be discussed only after each taxi company had presented an itemized balance sheet which would be later examined by a certified accountant, the Minister said.

Later in the day the drivers' association, led by Mr. M. Bar, Director of Road Transport, and requested an increase of 25 per cent in urban fares and of 50 per cent in inter-urban charges. They also requested that no more taxis be licensed.

MULE KILLS RIDER

NAHARIYA, Monday. — Sam David, 21, of Nahariya, was thrown off the pillion seat of a motorcycle and fatally injured, when a mule ran into it on the Shavei Zion-Nahariya highway at 7 o'clock last night. He died of his injuries in hospital during the night.

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FROZEN ASSETS

ROME, Monday, (AFP). — An old beggar who died in hospital here after being picked up in the street freezing to death was found to have had nearly seven million lire (about \$4,000), two houses valued at 15 million lire and a country estate. He has no heirs.

Two Missing Diplomats Reported in Lubianka

BERLIN, Tuesday (AP). — The British diplomats, Mr. Donald Maclean and Mr. Guy Burgess, who disappeared from their Foreign Office posts last May, are in a Russian prison, a diplomat recently returned from Russia said here today. He wished to remain anonymous.

He said it was almost "common knowledge" in the diplomatic corps in Moscow that the two British diplomats are in Lubianka jail, reserved for high priority prisoners. In recent weeks, he said, the two had been stopped from sharing the same quarters, and had been isolated.

Agency Officials Strike Called Off

A threatened strike by Jewish Agency officials was averted yesterday when payment began in Jerusalem of December salaries.

The employees had announced that they would strike on Thursday unless their back pay was forthcoming by then. They also decided that in the future they would strike automatically if salaries were not paid by the sixth of the month.

The Agency's continuing financial hardship reportedly caused the delay. Further difficulties are expected later this month when the salary increments recently approved by the Agency fall due.

FREED ON RAPE CHARGE

TEL AVIV, Monday (ITM). — Moshe Zeros, 41, charged with raping one of his tenants in Holon in September 1949 was acquitted by the District Court here today for lack of evidence. The plaintiff claimed that Zeros had entered her room in the morning, locked the door and raped her.

Passing judgment, Judge Z. Zelfner said that the Court could not take the plaintiff's word since she is a healthy, vigorous woman, whereas the accused is small and frail. "How could the accused have attacked her by himself?" the Judge asked.

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U.S. Delays Sending Envoy to Vatican

WASHINGTON, Monday (Reuters). — President Truman will not recommend to the Senate his nomination of General Mark W. Clark, Allied wartime commander in Italy, to be first United States Ambassador to the Vatican, the White House announced.

Mr. Joseph Short, White House Press Secretary, said last night: "This course is being followed at the request of General Clark. The President plans to submit another nomination at a later time."

General Clark, now Commander-in-Chief of Army Field Force, later said through an aide at Fort Monroe, Virginia, "The controversy that has developed has impeded me to ask the White House to withdraw my name." He declined to comment further.

Mr. Truman's announcement last October of the proposed appointment, which must be approved by the Senate, aroused a storm of protest from American Protestant Church leaders and some influential members of Congress. Administration supporters argued that the overruling consideration was the usefulness of having an American envoy at the Vatican, one of Europe's best posts, during the "cold war."

Mr. Myron C. Taylor, former Chairman of the Board of the United States Steel Corporation, whom President Roosevelt sent to the Vatican with the rank of Ambassador in 1950, was the President's personal representative.

House Passes Fuel Customs Charges

Increases in the customs rates on fuel enacted administratively by the Finance Minister on November 15, were approved yesterday by the Knesset. According to the regulations, such administrative increases must be approved by the House after three months if they are to remain in force.

The Finance Minister pointed out that fuel prices were calculated at the official exchange rate of 22.80 to the Israeli pound.

He pointed out that subsidies on oil and surcharges had been abolished.

DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS FOR PRIVATE TRIPS

Foreign Ministry officials travelling abroad privately, and members of their families accompanying them, travelled on diplomatic passports. Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett acknowledged in the Knesset yesterday.

He was replying to a question by Mr. Israel Bar Yehuda (Mapam).

DANTE ALIGHIERI SOCIETY

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DR. L. OLSVANGER will speak in Hebrew to night at 8:30 at the Israel Touring Club, Talbich on

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Cables in Brief

GOODWILL. — British warships are to pay a goodwill visit to a Spanish port for the first time since the war. The Admiralty said yesterday that the visit is not clear for similar negotiations with the Philippines.

TALKS. — Japan will start negotiations sometime this month with five Commonwealth countries for the conclusion of trade agreements, press reports in Tokyo said on Monday.

RETURN. — Queen Juliana of the Netherlands has just returned to Holland, accompanied by the

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THE announcement by an official spokesman yesterday that the Government has undertaken to present the next annual budget to the Knesset within a month was most timely.

Parliamentary action on the current year's estimates, which is only now being completed, vividly demonstrated how unsatisfactory both the presentation of the budget and its discussion in the Knesset have been. Neither Knesset members nor the public at large were able to examine thoroughly the various items of expenditure and revenue, and no definite lines of economic policy were drawn.

Improvisation cannot go on forever, and if it is true that, for some years to come, eight years in the opinion of the Finance Minister — revenue will depend on outside factors, this fact must in itself be accepted as a basis of budgetary planning. Furthermore, if a variant of the French douzieme provisoire has to be adopted, it should be remembered that, as in France, the constitutional rule must be an annual budget. Any changes which may become necessary in the course of the year can be provided for by supplementary credits or, if the case arises, the annulment of certain items.

Considerations of this nature are again to the point now that the final reading of the Development Budget for the current year is under way. This Budget consists of two categories of expenditure: capital expenditure and loans. The latter go to local authorities, irrigation, agriculture and fisheries, and various other purposes. These constitute more than half the total. The question will be asked on what terms these "loans" are granted, and how their payment is secured. Equally important is a scrutiny of the components of all these large amounts which are not specified in figures published so far.

The revenue side is less complicated, though this is small comfort when it is realized that no less than 70 per cent of the IL.85m. are derived from foreign sources: the Independence Loan, the Export-Import Bank, and the United States Grant. Here the question will arise whether the provision of IL.10m. from internal loans does not underestimate the financial potential of the country, as expressed, for instance, in the amount of demand and fixed deposits in banks and credit co-operatives. Another, more crucial, problem is the impact of this influx of foreign capital on the national economy. The Government will have to make up its mind whether the present fiction of a single official foreign exchange rate can be maintained, or whether, like in many other and greater countries, more realistic rates should be introduced. Then there is the obvious question of how to curb the additional inflationary pressure caused by the expenditure on development projects.

Not much has been revealed of the discussions at Sunday's special cabinet on budgetary and economic problems. Moreover, the official spokesman yesterday carefully refrained from indicating whether any Government statement would be forthcoming after the next special session of the Cabinet on the subject next week. The public, on the other hand, eagerly looks to the Government for a new lead in the economic field. How long can the present policy of drift continue, they ask. Where is inflation leading to? And apart from these crucial questions, the economic advisers of the Government should ask themselves whether controlled private enterprise might not be able to handle efficiently certain areas of public activities; whether a certain measure of anti-inflationary cure cannot immediately be applied to the governmental apparatus itself; and finally, whether the inordinate delay, known as "shaveit", in putting plans into practice cannot be overcome, as, for example, in the case of the postal savings bank scheme, one of the best anti-inflationary institutions devised, which has been on the drawing boards for more than two years.

Society Survey

Stalin Calls a Black Sea Conference

By Edward Crankshaw

LONDON.—It is now common knowledge in the Soviet Union that just over a month ago Stalin, wintering as usual at Sochi on the Black Sea coast, called an extremely important conference of his five most powerful colleagues. These were Molotov, his right-hand and first Deputy, Malenkov, the manager of the Communist Party; Beria, chief of police; the triumvirate who for some time have virtually ruled the Soviet Union in Stalin's name; Bulganin, the spokesman of the armed forces in the Politburo; and Vassilievski, who, although not a member of the Politburo, as Minister of Defence has immense responsibility and influence.

The mere fact of this conference indicated two things: first, that Stalin's health is not good enough to allow him to go north in the winter; second, that he had matters to discuss which called for a full-dress council of war, matters which could not be settled by Molotov in Moscow, in telephone consultation with his associates.

For this concentration of talent and power at Sochi, the presence of five men was between them are responsible for every aspect of the Soviet State: economy, party line, national security, war potential (including atomic development), intelligence services, armed forces—can have been justified only by a matter of matters of supreme importance.

Change of Policy
It is believed that Malenkov, representing the Party, and Beria, representing the police, have for some time been at loggerheads, with the police winning. But Stalin would not require the presence of Vassilievski to settle a problem of this kind. What seems most likely is that there has lately been a turning point in Soviet policy involving a re-evaluation of the resources of the Soviet Union, and that Stalin required to hear what was being done and to issue further directives.

Evidence that such a turning point has been reached, though hard to pin down, is in fact slowly accumulating. At some time since the breakdown of the interminable meetings of the Foreign Ministers' Deputies in Paris last spring, the Politburo has committed the Soviet Union to a policy of rearmament in response to the tremendous challenge from America and the North Atlantic Powers.

To many it may seem paradoxical to talk of Soviet rearmament, so conscious is the West of the power and weight of the existing armed forces, and so accustomed to thinking of feverish efforts as a direct response to the menace of Soviet arms—as indeed they are. But the fact remains that the Soviet Union did disarm after the war, though far less thoroughly than the Western Powers; and for some time past interested observers in the West have been wondering if and when that process would be reversed. That it has been reversed is now clear; and it is highly probable that the Sochi conference was concerned with the progress of this great issue.

Dated Equipment
One forgets that Russia has traditionally maintained a huge standing army—at least twice as strong as that of any other Power. One forgets that after the war the Soviet Army was run down to two classes with weapons and equipment of the types used during the war. There were feverish developments in the Air Force certainly, particularly the building of jet aircraft and long-range bombers (of which practically none existed in 1945); but this progress was not matched by a parallel development of army equipment. This is only just starting.

In a word, while the Soviet Army was formidable enough to constitute a standing threat to a world almost totally unarmed, it has not at any time since the war been strong enough to hope for victory in a full-scale war with America. The Kremlin must know very well that America has been providing for her tremendous effort by Soviet actions. But it must also fear most acutely that a rearmament Western world no more gains by negotiation and bluff and intimidation are possible and, moreover, that America, impatient in her new-found strength, may sooner or later muddle herself into a war which, without a supreme preparatory effort, the Soviet Union will be in no condition to fight.

Arms Race, Begins
At any rate the arms race has started. We have so often heard it at last going on. Admiral Kuznetsov, the Soviet Union's finest war-time sailor, has been brought back from his post to the tremendous challenge from America and the North Atlantic Powers.

What effect Soviet rearmament will have on the Soviet economy remains to be seen. The tension set up with it (vision of a kind we are familiar with ourselves) almost certainly has something to do with the visibly growing power of Beria's police vis-a-vis Malenkov's party organization. The continued failure to produce a new Five Year Plan is probably also, at least in part, a reflection of the changeover.

The decision, never publicly announced, to postpone the resettlement of millions of village peasants into rural towns may also be due to the fact that the Government could not risk a new war with the peasants at such a critical moment in its history.

As the year progresses there will be more signs of change, and it may be that before very long we shall begin to form some idea of what went on at the Sochi conference just over a month ago.

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"Who'll build a cinema here?"

"We'll see," Nahum answered with a grin. "We'll find someone — if we give the land, a guarantee there'll be no competition, and then we get the materials at official prices... don't you think we'll find someone?"

Yokneam will find someone to put up a cinema and, the way things are going, he will also find a lot more people with their hands stretched out towards that new heaven on the hill.

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The conference will be held at the Bet Ha'Kfar Hall, Mr. Ben-Zion Horowitz, Mayor of Rehovot, will be the host. The Area Officer Commanding and the District Commander will represent the Army.
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